



**Seminar**  
**‘Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS**  
**in Member States’**

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Involvement, roles and interactions of key actors to ensure a well-functioning AKIS

# Summary of Google Documents

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## Q1. How are researchers and Horizon National Contact Points engaging with farmers/foresters, advisory and innovation support services to develop practical solutions?

- › Lack of platforms and connectivity: There are difficulties in interconnecting farmers, advisory services, and innovation in the Azores, and platforms to facilitate these connections are not adequately developed.
- › Limited collaboration and communication: Researchers often lead innovative projects but face challenges in engaging non-research stakeholders and lacking expertise in communication and extension. The coordination between classical researchers and farmers/advisory services is generally weak.



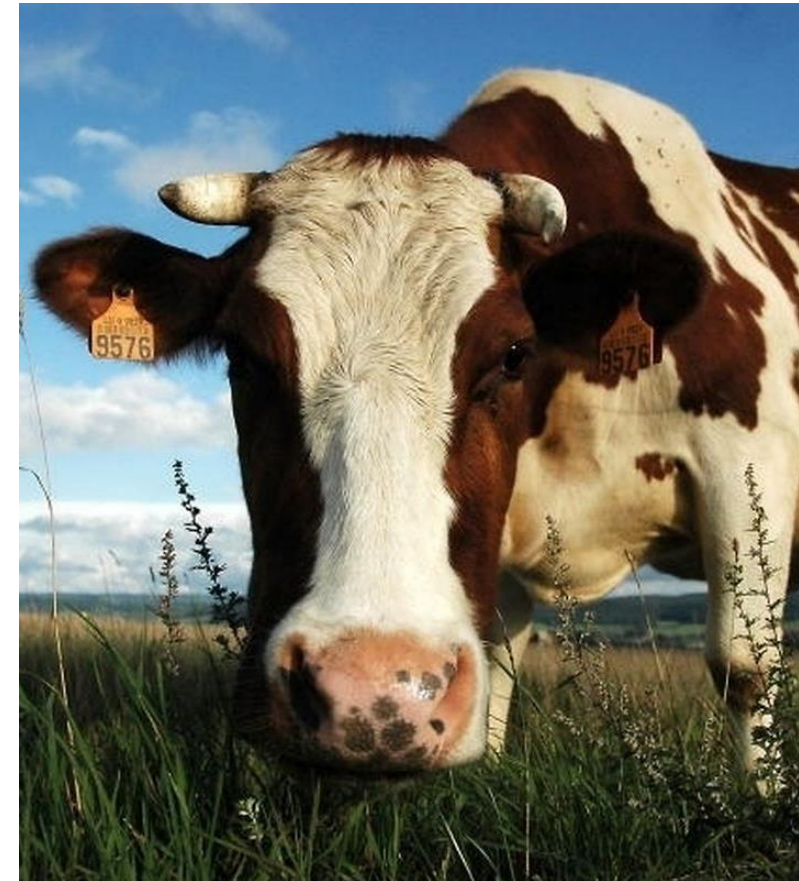
## Q1. How are researchers and Horizon National Contact Points engaging with farmers/foresters, advisory and innovation support services to develop practical solutions?

- › Efforts to build connections: Several countries have initiatives to improve collaboration between researchers, advisors, and farmers. Examples include joint activities, information sharing, networking sessions, and the creation of knowledge reservoirs at national levels. Dissemination platforms such as websites, events, and training courses are being utilized to bridge the gap between research and practice.



## Luxembourg

- A platform with all projects and their results funded by the ministry is available. Link to scientific community is strong and established as we already launched two calls together with the national funding agency. We organise networking sessions with farmers, advisors and researchers. Big advertisement of our funding possibilities will be done this summer at agricultural exhibitions to farmers.



## Q.2 How are advisors and researchers incentivised/supported to work together?

- › In general, there is a lack of structured collaboration between advisors and researchers, and the current modes of collaboration are often informal or project-specific.
- › Initiatives to foster collaboration: Some countries have introduced measures such as funding programs and innovation platforms to encourage joint work between advisors, researchers, and farmers. Digital platforms and discussion groups are being established to facilitate knowledge sharing and debate.
- › Existing collaboration channels: Collaborative efforts between researchers and advisors are observed in specific projects, demonstration farms, and training courses. However, private advisory services are not always fully engaged in these collaborations.



## Some examples

- In France some funds are only for advisors + researchers working together.
- In Rhineland-Palatinate, the state is supporting a knowledge hub for the digitization in agriculture. Partners of that hub are the Technical University of Kaiserslautern, rural development centres, farmers and partners of the Agribusiness.
- In Ireland, researchers and advisors work together in a common organisation within Teagasc.



### Q3. How are researchers incentivised/supported to share their research findings with advisors, farmers or foresters and wider society?

- › Limited state incentives: There are no specific programs or incentives to support knowledge exchange, but partnerships between knowledge hubs and universities indirectly facilitate collaboration.
- › Platforms and events for knowledge sharing: Agricultural magazines, meetings, conferences, field days, webinars, and publications are used to share research results and promote interaction between researchers and advisors.
- › Engagement in projects and training: Researchers and advisors collaborate in EIP operational groups, participate in demonstration events, and contribute as lecturers during training sessions and field days.





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